

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. Serial No. : 10/599,921
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Entitled : FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT
WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME,
COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND COMPUTER
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM
Group Art Unit : 2123
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

EXAMINER:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated January 19, 2011 (the "Office Action") with Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified application. Please amend the application, and consider the remarks as set forth herein below:

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 9-16 as provided below in the associated claim listing on separate sheets: